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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: MOLDING MACHINE AND MOLDING METHOD  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 27 pages, including two (2) independent claims and nineteen (19) claims total.
2. Drawings - Ten (10) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-15).
3. Claim for Priority with a certified copy of Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2003-046011.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with two (2) documents attached.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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